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### FTC & FDA: Warnings sent to sellers of scam Coronavirus treatments 3-9-2020

Last month, we cautioned you to be on the lookout for scammers taking advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus. Today, we have an update. The FTC and FDA have jointly issued warning letters to seven sellers of unapproved and misbranded products, claiming they can treat or prevent the Coronavirus. The companies' products include teas, essential oils, and colloidal silver. The FTC says the companies have no evidence to back up their claims — as required by law. The FDA says there are no approved vaccines, drugs or investigational products currently available to treat or prevent the virus. The seven companies are: 1.Vital Silver, 2. Aromatherapy Ltd., 3. N-ergetics, 4. GuruNanda LLC, 5. Vivify Holistic Clinic, 6. Herbal Amy LLC, and 7. The Jim Bakker Show. In part, the letters require the companies to notify the FTC within 48 hours of the specific actions they have taken to address the agency's concerns. The FTC and FDA with follow up with companies that fail to make adequate corrections. Both agencies also will continue to monitor social media, online marketplaces and incoming complaints to help ensure that the companies do not continue to market fraudulent products under a different name or on another website. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says your best defense against the Coronavirus is to: Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth, with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Stay home when you're sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched items and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask. CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility). Stay informed. To learn more about the coronavirus, visit the CDC's FAQ page. Visit the FDA to learn about the development and approval of treatments for coronavirus. If you're tempted to buy an unproven product or one with questionable claims, check with your doctor or other health care professional first. Colleen Tressler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

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#### **GRAND LARCENY MOTORCYCLE-MEADOWS MHP** CFS 20-24139

March 9, 2:30pm and March 10, 2020 1:07am someone stole the victims 2018 blue and black Yamaha motorcycle from in front of the residence. It is valued at \$17,000. CFS 20-24139

#### **GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-GRANINGERS II MHP** CFS 20-23132

11400 block August Court, between March 5 9pm and March 6, 2020 7am the victim left the vehicle unlocked and someone stole three tool bags. One bag is valued at \$1,000.00, the other tool bag is valued at \$1,500 and a duct bag containing tools valued at \$1,100.00. CFS 20-23132

#### **GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SOUTHPOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK CFS 20-22847**

10000 block Southpoint Parkway, on March 6, 2020 between 8:06 and 9:39am someone entered the unlocked vehicle and stole a Michael Kors Crossbody purse valued at \$150.00 containing a Coach wallet valued at \$110.00, a cell phone valued at \$1,200.00, a driver's license and personal papers and credit cards. Two \$500.00 gift cards were purchased with one of the cards. CFS 20-22847

#### **GRAND LARCENY FROM BUILDING** CFS 20-23983

ADCOMM-Sprint, 3500 Plank Road, on March 9, between 3:45 and 3:52pm, a male entered and stole a Google Pixel 4XL Google brand cell phone valued at 929.00. The male is black, mid 20's, wearing a black long sleeve shirt, black pants and a black beanie. CFS 20-23983

#### **GRAND LARCENY SHOPLIFT-SOUTHPOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK** CFS 20-24007

Wal-Mart, 10001 Southpoint Parkway, on March 9, 2020 between 3:44 and 3:52pm a male placed an Asus Predator computer valued at \$498.00 and an HP 22 all-in-one computer valued at \$399.00, in a store cart and cut off the spider wrap anti-theft device. He exited thru the garden exit and drove away in a black Nissan Altima with Virginia Registration. CFS 20-24007

#### **GRAND LARCENY OTHER-OAK GROVE TERRACE** CFS 20-22042

5500 block Slater Street, between March 2, 4:30pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 3:30pm someone entered the unlocked shed and stole a Husqvarna 435 chain saw valued at \$500.00. CFS 20-22042

#### **GRAND LARCENY OTHER** CFS 20-22250

Jefferson Davis Highway & Commonwealth Drive, between March 3, 7:00pm and March 4, 2020 7:00pm the victim was towing a trailer with a Volkswagen Jetta to a storage area and but the business was closed for the day. The then towed the trailer with the trailer to a pull-off area and left it overnight and was not secured. When the victim returned on the next day it was not there. It is valued at \$3,000.00. CFS 20-22250

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## PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-22591

Southern Select, 10911 Courthouse Road, on March 3, 2020 between 1:00pm and 1:40pm someone stole the Virginia State Inspection Sticker from the vehicle shortly after the vehicle was inspected. CFS 20-22591

## PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-23642

Holiday Inn Express, 5422 Jefferson Davis Highway, between March 6 5:00pm and March 8, 2020 1:00pm someone stole the front New Jersey license plate from the victim's 2010 Kia while parked on the hotel property. CFS 20-23642

## PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-BREEZEWOOD FOREST CFS 20-23351

10500 block Sunflower Court, between March 5, 4:00pm and March 7, 2020 9:00am, someone stole the front Virginia license plate from the front of the 2011 Toyota Sienna. CFS 20-23351

## PITIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-22842

12000 block Old Salem Church Road, on March 6, 2020 between 7:30am and 7:45am someone entered the victims unlocked and running 2012 Kia Forte while a passenger was walked inside the building. Taken is a Nokia cell phone valued at \$100.00 and brown leather shoulder purse containing \$100.00 and a NFCU credit card. CFS 20-22842

#### PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-24099

Bojangles, 9815 Hospital Blvd, on March 9, 2020 between 9:00 and 9:05pm the victim was inside the restaurant and while someone entered the unlocked vehicle and stole a tan purse containing a driver's license, a Wells Fargo credit card and a Capitol One Credit card. CFS 20-24099

## PETIT LARCENY OTHER-OAK GROVE TERRACE CFS 20-22054

5500 block Slater Street, on March 2, 2020 between 4:30 and 9:30pm someone entered the victims disabled vehicle and stole the car title, personal papers and the victim's driver's license. CFS 20-22054

#### PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS 20-23958

Verizon Wireless Southpoint, 5426 Jefferson Davis Highway, on March 9, 2020 between 3:00 and 3:17pm a male entered and cut the security cable attached to a white Apple series 5 Samsung S10 phone and left the store. It is valued at \$499.00. The male is black, wore a red snap cap, black hoodie and red tennis shoes. CFS 20-23958

## FRAUD-BREEZWOOD MEWS CFS 20-22056

10400 block Running Cedar Lane, between March 2, 12:00 and March 3, 2020 2:00pm the victim answered an ad and was hired. The victim completed a research task and was mailed two checks totaling \$3,905 and was told to purchase four \$500.00 Visa Cards and to give the card numbers to Bob Fregoso Crime Solvers and P3 Coordinator



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the employer. The victim complied and took the two checks to the bank and was informed that the checks were fraudulent. CFS 20-22056

#### FRAUD CFS 20-22317

3900 block Plank Road, on March 4, 2020 between 3:43 and 4:54pm unknown persons fabricated company payroll and business checks and cashed them totaling over \$3,600.00. CFS 20-22317

#### VANDALISM CFS 20-21831

Keswick Drive & Robert E. Lee Drive, between March 2,5:00pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 6:30am Unknown persons entered the two buildings under construction and spray painted graffiti \$2,000.00. CFS 20-21831

#### VANDALISM CFS 20-24105

11203 Old Leavells Road, on March 9, 2020 between 10:30 and 11:50pm someone struck the mailbox post with an unknown object causing the wooden post to split. It will cost \$80.00 to repair it. CFS 20-24105



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# **Crime Solvers Statistics**

From January 2000 through December 2019, the Spotsylvania County Crime Solvers has paid out over \$100,000 in CASH **REWARDS** for information through 2,320 calls to the Crime Solvers Telephone Tip line, Crime Solvers Web Tip page, the former Text-A-Tip phone number, and the new P3 App Tip system. Information obtained has resulted in 207 arrests involving burglaries, drug distribution, arson, vandalism, breaking & entering and other crimes against the citizens of Spotsylvania County. To date there has been \$164,132 worth of stolen property recovered, and property and assorted types of drugs seized. From June 2010 through December 2019 64 Wanted Fugitives have been arrested.

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